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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: DEMARCHE IN SUPPORT OF UNIFIL

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1. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR (WHO IS ON BRIEF VISIT TO SOUTHERN SWEDEN), DCM MADE POINTS IN REFTEL TO MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL LEIF LEIFLAND MAY 19.

2. LEIFLAND WAS SYMPATHETIC TO US APPROACH AND EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH POINT OF VIEW IN REFTEL. HE NOTED THAT WITH RETURN OF SWEDISH TROOPS TO SINAI, SWEDEN WAS NO LONGER UNIFIL TROOP CONTRIBUTOR STATE, BUT OF COURSE IT RETAINED GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS REFERRED TO IN OUR TALKING POINTS. NOTING THAT GOS CONTACTS WITH PLO WERE LIMITED, HE SAID THAT WITHIN THOSE CONTACTS, SUCH AS THEY ARE, GOS WOULD TAKE POSITION OUTLINED IN REFTEL. LEIFLAND ADDED THAT GOS OFFICIAL VIEW, UPON SENDING SWEDISH TROOPS TO LEBANON FOR LIMITED TIME, WAS THAT UN ITSELF, AND WALDHEIM SPECIFICALLY, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING TO IT THAT ALL PARTIES COOPERATED. HE SAID GOS STILL HELD TO THAT POSITION, BUT IT WAS WILLING TO USE SUCH CONTACTS AS IT HAD IN THE AREA, AND SPECIFICALLY WITH THE PLO, TO TRY TO GET ARAFAT TO COOPERATE.

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3. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION THAT FOLLOWED LEIFLAND NOTED THAT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE MFA DID NOT CALL IN PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO MFA, AND KEPT CONTACTS TO A MINIMUM. HE SAID FRANKLY PLO MAN HERE WAS NOT AN INTERLOCUTEUR VALABLE, AND ONE COULD NOT DEPEND ON HIM FOR IMPORTANT MESSAGES. THUS HE HAD TO EMPHASIZE THAT SWEDEN COULD ONLY USE CONTACTS "AS THEY ARE". MFA

DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS PER KETTIS ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NORWEGIANS TO COORDINATE POSITIONS.

4. DCM STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GOS USING WHATEVER INFLUENCE IT HAS WITH PLO, ARABS AND OTHER NORDICS TO HELP GET THE PLO INFILTRATION ASPECT UNDER CONTROL, SINCE A SUCCESSFUL UNIFIL OPERATION DEPENDED ON SEVERAL ASPECTS MESHING--IF ONE FELL APART, WHOLE OPERATION WAS IN JEOPARDY.

5. COMMENT: LEIFLAND'S POSITION WAS FORTHCOMING, BUT WE DOUBT THAT GOS CONSIDERS ITSELF IN A POSITION TO EXERCISE VERY MUCH INFLUENCE AT THIS STAGE WITH PLO.
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